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For: TISSUE-SPECIFIC AND
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AGENTS AND RIBOZYMES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, kindly enter the amendments set forth below and consider the remarks which follow prior to examination of the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) a copy of the pending claims as amended herein, attached hereto as Exhibit A; (b) a copy of the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures; (c) a "Sequence Listing" in paper and computer readable form; (d) a Response to Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures; and (e) a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for one month, extending the time for response up to and including February 4, 2001. Applicants note that the statutory deadline for responding to the instant office action (*i.e.*, February 4, 2001) is a Sunday. Accordingly, Applicants submit that this response is timely filed as it is being submitted on or before the next business day (*i.e.*, Monday, February 5, 2001).

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 9, line 6, delete "(SEQ IS NO:7)" and insert in its place --(SEQ ID NO:8)--.